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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 246

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY
CERTIFICATES AND THE SAFETY OF PATIENTS AND STAFF AT
FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) The Commissioner of
4 Mental Health and Addiction Services shall, within available
5 appropriations, operate a behavioral health recovery program to
6 provide clinical substance abuse treatment, psychiatric treatment and
7 nonclinical recovery support services, which are not covered under the
8 Medicaid program, for individuals with substance abuse disorders or
9 psychiatric disabilities who are eligible for Medicaid pursuant to
10 Sections 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) and 1902(k)(2) of the Social Security
11 Act. Services provided under the program may include, but shall not

12 be limited to, residential substance abuse treatment, recovery support
13 services, peer supports, housing assistance, transportation, food,
14 clothing and personal care items. The Department of Mental Health
15 and Addiction Services shall be responsible for all services and
16 payments related to the provision of the behavioral health recovery
17 support services for eligible recipients.

18 (b) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services
19 may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
20 of the general statutes, for purposes of implementing the provisions of
21 this section. The commissioner may implement policies and
22 procedures to implement the provisions of this section while in the
23 process of adopting such policies or procedures in regulation form,
24 provided the commissioner prints notice of the intent to adopt
25 regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than twenty days
26 prior to implementing such policies and procedures. Policies and
27 procedures implemented pursuant to this subsection shall be valid
28 until the time final regulations are adopted."